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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING MARCH 2 (SALT TWO- 922)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING KARPOV (SEMENOV IS STILL IN MOSCOW) PROPOSED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH FOR ARTICLE IV: "THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE NOT TO CONVERT MISSILE LAUNCHERS, OTHER THAN ICBM LAUNCHERS, INTO LAUNCHERS FOR LAUNCHING ICBMS." HE SAID THIS WAS SUBSTITUTE FOR TWO PARAGRAPHS WHICH WE HAD PROPOSED ON FEBRUARY 18 AND FOR "CRITERIA" WE HAD DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME.

2. I MADE STATEMENT GIVING OUR RATIONALE FOR DATA EXCHANGE AND SUBSTANCE OF MODIFICATIONS WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE IN ARTICLES XVII AND XI, EMPHASIZING THESE WERE THREE ELEMENTS OF AN INTEGRAL WHOLE. I CONCLUDED PRESENTATION ON DATA EXCHANGE BY STATING "THE U.S. CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT BY THE TIME OF SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT THERE BE AGREEMENT ON THE NUMBERS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS IN EACH CATEGORY POSSESSED BY EACH SIDE AS OF THAT DATE. CHANGES TO SUCH NUMBERS WOULD BE REPORTED TWICE A YEAR IN THE

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STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION." IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION

I TOLD HIM THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING I WOULD BE PUTTING FORWARD A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE WHOLE OF THE PACKAGE.

3. IN OUR PRIVATE MEETING, IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ON HOW PROPOSAL THEY HAD MADE TODAY ON ICBM LAUNCHERS WOULD DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF A LAUNCHER NOT ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO BE AN ICBM LAUNCHER, BUT COULD NEVERTHELESS BE USED TO LAUNCH AN ICBM AND THERE WERE INDICATIONS TO THAT EFFECT, HE REPLIED THAT IT WAS THE OBLIGATION OF BOTH SIDES NOT TO CREATE SUCH AN AMBIGUOUS SITUATION AND, IN ANY EVENT, IF IT WAS USED TO LAUNCH AN ICBM HE WOULD CONSIDER THAT IT HAD BEEN "CONVERTED" TO AN ICBM LAUNCHER. (SHCHUKIN IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH MAY, AND TRUSOV AND BELETSKY IN THEIR CONVERSATION WITH ROWNY GENERALLY FOLLOWED KARPOW'S LINE.)

4. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING.

5. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 5, AT THE SOVIET MISSION.
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